GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PERMISSION TO GROW BT COTTON IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu based AC Seed Limited has been permitted to grow new variety of BT. cotton;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the areas where permission has been given for its cultivation;

(d) the total area of land proposed to be brought under its cultivation; and

(e) the details about the production cost and production rate of the said new variety products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): M/s Rasi Seeds (P) Ltd., Tamil Nadu has been given conditional approval to conduct large scale trials and seed production of RCH 2 Bt., RCH 138 Bt. and RCH 144 Bt. in the Central Zone and for RCH 2 Bt. and RCH 20 Bt. in the South Zone for Kharif 2003.

(c) to (e): The large scale field trials shall be undertaken in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The total area for these field trials shall not exceed 170 ha.